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SUBJ: NEWS REPORT ON STATE MINISTER MAEDA'S POLICY ON NPT AND NPT SAFEGUARDS

SUMMARY: AEB OFFICIAL DENIED ACCURACT OF RECENT NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT CABINET MEMBER MAEDA HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO START PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS FOR JAPAN- IAEA NPT SAFEGUARDS. END SUMMARY.

1. TOKYO DAILY MAINICHI REPORTED ON APRIL 14 THAT KAZUO MAEDA, DIRGEN OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA) AND CHAIRMAN OF JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (JAEC) ON APRIL 13, HAD QTE DECIDED ON THE POLICY OF STARTING PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE DRAWING UP OF AN INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA IN VIENNA AND INSTRUCTED THE STA'S ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU (AEB), WHICH IS ACTING AS ITS SECRETARIAT, TO SOUND OUT IAEA'S INTENTIONS FOR CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS UNQTE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. AEB SAFEGUARDS OFFICIAL STATES ARTICLE INCORRECT. HE SAYS, ACTUAL FACT IS THAT AEB HAD SENT RECOMMENDATION TO JAEC ON JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS RE JAPAN- IAEA NPT SAFE-GUARDS AGREEMENT AND THAT JAEC HAD QTE ACCEPTED UNQTE RECOMMENDATION. HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF RECOMMENDATION BUT COMMENTED THAT GOJ WILL TACKLE IAEA SAFEGUARDS PROBLEM IN EARNEST AFTER PROTOCOL RE US- JAPAN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION THROUGH DIET DURING CURRENT SESSION. DECON 12-31-76. INGERSOLL

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